



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with title II of the Act, as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. General information and meeting details can be found at the following website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gwj/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 14, 2023, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT.

ADDRESSES: This meeting is open to the public and will be held at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests Supervisor's Office, located at 5162 Valletpointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia 24019. The public may also join virtually via telephone and/or video conference. Virtual meeting participation details can be found on the website listed under

SUMMARY or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**
CONTACT.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwendolyn Mason, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 540-265-5102 or email at gwendolyn.mason@usda.gov or Rebecca Robbins, RAC Coordinator at 540-265-5173 or email at rebecca.robbs@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect a Chairperson;
2. Review ongoing projects;
3. Discuss project solicitation process.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Gwendolyn Mason, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; or by email to gwendolyn.mason@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Dated: February 15, 2023.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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